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events of the last few days as indicating a willingness to open a rather prolonged discussion, and while they have not entirely abandoned this hope it is waning.

"Trying to Force Break." It seems that the administration is determined to force a break," said one of these men to-day. "When you want a man to give you something you do not begin by slapping his face, which was practically what the administration did in the first Ancona note. It looks as if the administration sent that note to do something else than get concessions from Austria. And, of course, when a man over there gets a note like that he says, 'Good Lord, what an insulting note!' and sits down to write something that will satisfy the pride of his country."

"The administration ought to have learned something from the Lusitania case. There the diplomats fired hot notes at one another for three months, and got nowhere. Then, apparently, the State Department went to Ambassador von Bernstorff and practically asked him to settle it. He got the promise which the administration advertised as a diplomatic victory in the Lusitania case when the new troubles set that settlement back for months. I am surprised that they should try the note method again."

Got "Real" Concession.

"They got a real concession in the Arabic case. The administration has not made the most out of that. They let England get away with the statement that the German concession was made because England had caught so many submarines. That was not true. England has caught just six, not more, out of sixty or seventy. Germany could have continued the submarine war indefinitely. The question she had to settle was whether it would pay her to keep on with a course that would not only lose her the friendship of the United States. She decided it would not pay."

"Now they are trying the notes again, and they will get nowhere. If they had done differently, I see no reason to believe that Austria would not have followed Germany's example. So if they are going to force the issue on the notes, why, as I say, it looks to me as if they wanted a break."

"Perhaps they think a break with Austria would not be very serious. The Austrian Charge and most of her consuls are under suspicion. There is no Austrian Ambassador here, and they could do all business through the German Embassy. And perhaps there are reasons in the public opinion of the country that make them think it worth while, in view of these things, to break off relations."

Says Lansing Usurped

War Power of Congress

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—Labor's National Peace Council, which, except as it has been advertised by Federal grand jury investigations into its activities, has been comparatively quiet for several months, but forthrightly tonight in a violent attack on Secretary Lansing for his "reported" ultimatum to Austria. Ex-Representative Robert P. Fowler, of Illinois, counselor of the organization, prepared the statement, which alleges that the Secretary of State has "usurped the power of Congress to the point of endangering the peace of our country."

The peace council which Mr. Fowler

represents is headed by Representative Frank Buchanan, also of Illinois. David Lammie, the "Wolf of Wall Street," is the backer of the movement, using funds which, according to information in the possession of the Department of Justice, are furnished through German channels.

The council's statement, which is entitled "An Appeal to the American People," says:

"Labor's National Peace Council stands to-day, as it has always stood, for the peace of America and for the peace of the world. It is sternly opposed to any action on the part of the administration which in secrecy leads or tends to lead this country up to the very verge of war with any other country, and insists that no action should be taken by the State Department tending to break off diplomatic relations with any nation without the full knowledge and consent of Congress."

"The recent act of the administration in initiating war with Mexico without the action of Congress was a grave mistake. Congress alone has the power to declare war, and any action on the part of the Executive which involves the country in war or makes war inevitable is not only an invasion of the rights of Congress but of the whole people of the country, and a direct violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States."

"There is a growing spirit in the ranks of the common people of all civilized countries that war should not be declared without a referendum to the people, and we heartily endorse the principle. The great lesson taught by the hasty action of the rulers and ministers of the belligerent countries of Europe in secretly bringing on the present war, without the knowledge or consent of either the parliaments or peoples, is a strong justification to warrant our action in making this protest; especially in the light of the statement published broadcast in flaming headlines in the morning papers of Sunday to the effect that Secretary Lansing had issued a secret ultimatum to one of the belligerent powers of Europe on the very day following the adjournment of Congress."

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MISS CONSTANCE KOPP.



Girl Detective Who Captured Jersey Fugitive in Brooklyn.

PRESIDENT MAKER AT GARY DINNER

R. V. Lindabury, Who "Brought Out" Wilson, Was Fellow Guest with Roosevelt.

What was Richard V. Lindabury, the well known New Jersey lawyer, doing at the Gary dinner, which Colonel Roosevelt attended, on Friday night? Mr. Lindabury has handled the big legal work of the United States Steel Corporation, but that wasn't what interested the politicians. Occasionally he takes an interest in politics, and on one of these occasions he, with four others, took Woodrow Wilson away from the seclusion of Princeton and made a full-fledged politician out of him. If it hadn't been for Mr. Lindabury and the rest of this quintet Mr. Wilson might still be president of Princeton.

The story is that in the spring of 1910 Mr. Lindabury, George Harvey, James Nugent, Eugene Kinkaid and Robert Hudspeeth, Democratic national committee men from New Jersey, met Woodrow Wilson at a private luncheon at the Lawyers' Club in this city and offered him the Democratic nomination for Governor of New Jersey. Nugent represented Jim Smith, then in the heyday of success as a boss; Kinkaid represented Bob Davis, who was almost as strong a boss as Smith; and Mr. Lindabury represented—well, his reputation as a corporation lawyer was just as big then as it is now. That Mr. Wilson accepted the offer and what followed is a matter of history.

Those who took part in the Gary dinner were just as insistent yesterday that it had no political significance, even if the Colonel was there.

PLAN STRIKE OF ALL WAITERS

Organization Leaders Ask Official Sanction for Citywide Movement.

Official sanction has been asked for a general strike of all the waiters in New York. Following a secret conference yesterday between the leaders of the striking East Side waiters and representatives of the various clubs, societies and other organizations of waiters in the Broadway hotel and restaurant district, permission to call the general strike was asked of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America.

Stating that a favorable answer to the request for a general strike was expected, Samuel Goldstein, chairman of the local strike committee, said yesterday: "We will start the general strike movement on or about December 27. With the aid of the various organizations of hotel waiters, it will mean that the entire catering industry will be involved. From 40,000 to 50,000 workers in the various branches of the industry will take part in such a strike."

"I had worked many days and nights on this case, and twice Dr. Von Schreier had given me when I thought we had him," Miss Kopp said. "So I was determined to hang on to him, no matter how rough he might be. None of the men near by offered to come to my assistance, and I felt relieved when I heard the doctor's voice. It seemed as though the doctor was about to strike me, when the Sheriff grabbed his arm and forced him back."

Miss Kopp qualified for her present job by causing the arrest of George Johnson, an ex-convict, of Somerville, N. J., for threatening to kidnap her younger sister, Florette. She also obtained the conviction of Henry Jaufman, a Paterson silk dyer, for sending her threatening letters.

WIFE GIVES RUSSIAN A GERMAN SHAMPOO

Armed with Comb, She Shows Reservist What War Is Like.

When Patrolman Frank Tracy dashed into a little house at 303 East 162d Street last evening he blinked and started back before looking again at the statuesque group that confronted him.

In the middle of the room the tall figure of Victory, clad in—well, just about as little as the sculptors generally use—stood over the limp figure of a prostrate man, brandishing, not a sword, but a comb.

"What—what is it?" demanded the policeman.

"I got him at last! He'll stop his drinking and fighting now," said Victory.

Frank Plaszky, a Russian reservist, has been awaiting the call to arms. Usually he awaits it in a saloon that sells his favorite vodka. Yesterday Plaszky sauntered there in a particularly militant frame of mind.

Two minutes after he entered his domicile there was a shattering noise, a crash and a moan. Then came Patrolman Tracy.

"He tore my clothes off, but I'll teach him not to drink and fight any more," explained Mrs. Plaszky. "I had to use my comb on him."

Mrs. Plaszky will be charged with assault this morning if her husband is able to appear against her.

STRANDED BARK DOOMED

Tugs Fail to Pull Her Off Bar—Surf Will Bring End.